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In re application of
Anne Vandette Reynolds et al
Application No. 10/715,754
Filed: November 18, 2003
For: HANDS-FREE STYLIST STAND

**DECISION ON PETITION
FOR THE ACCEPTANCE
OF LATE PAPERS**

This is in response to the Petition To Accept Timely Filed Papers filed May 17, 2005. There is no fee required for this petition.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record reveals that a Final Office action was mailed on December 17, 2004 setting a shortened statutory response period of three months.

Petitioner states that a response was filed on March 16, 2005 and provides copies of the filed documents, including a Certificate of Mailing that includes the Express Mail number (ED 426900489 US) and a copy of the Express Mail receipt with the attorney docket number 2742-1A which corresponds to application serial number 10/715,754.

This is acceptable evidence of a timely response.

It is noted that the stamped postcard receipt dated March 16, 2005 is not sufficient evidence to enter the late papers as it is related to application 10/715,805 and not application 10/715,754.

Since a timely response was filed, the application is being forwarded to the Legal Instruments Examiner for entry of the March 16, 2005 Response, and then to the Examiner for prompt action on the merits of the claims.

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